

MINUTES OF PROCEEDINGS
OF THE
CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ALGONA, KOSSUTH COUNTY, IOWA

The City Council of the City of Algona, Iowa, met in a work session on October 3, 2005, at 3:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers with Mayor Lynn R. Kueck and the following council members:

Present: Kohlhaas, Weaver, Lighter, Von Ruden

Absent: Curtis, Esser

Also present: City Administrator O'Donnell, PWD Schaeffer

Council Member Curtis arrives at 3:30 PM.

Scott Buchanan, Gregg Buchanan, Sandy Gervais, Bruce Gervais, Bill Farnham, Dean Benschoter, and Brian Buscher were present to discuss the Carnegie Library Building. The Kossuth County Historical Society leases the building but is unable to meet the financial obligations of the lease. The Gervais sublease the building and wish to have the roof repaired. Mr. Buscher suggested that he, the Gervais, and the Historical Society meet to discuss the possibility of having a private group assist in repairing and maintaining the building. They will then report back to the Council with possible solutions.

Work session ended at 4:15 p.m.

Lynn R. Kueck, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cole S. O'Donnell, City Administrator

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The City Council of the City of Algona, Iowa, met in regular session on October 3, 2005, at 4:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers with Mayor Lynn R. Kueck and the following council members:

Present: Kohlhaas, Weaver, Lighter, Von Ruden, Curtis

Absent: Esser

Also present: City Administrator O'Donnell, Public Works Director Schaeffer, City Attorney Doster

AGENDA

Kohlhaas moved and Curtis seconded the motion that the agenda for this meeting be approved. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

CITIZEN'S OPPORTUNITY

Mayor Kueck thanked the Band Day Committee for a wonderful celebration.

Mayor Kueck recognized Peg Bell and the Rec Department for receiving a grant from Major League Baseball. The grant will be used for the little league program.

Mayor Kueck read a proclamation declaring the week of October 14th as Algona School Lunch Week.

Council Member Von Ruden announced that she had spoken with Council Member Esser and that due to his health he was not able to file papers to run for the Ward One council seat. He will accept any write in votes in the upcoming election.

Council Member Lighter reminded citizens to cover their leaves while transporting them to the drop off site.

Council Member Curtis thanked everyone who has put up a scarecrow at the corner of State and Jones.

Mayor Kueck reminded citizens to check out the new lighting on the theater.

CONSENT AGENDA

Lighter moved and Kohlhaas seconded the motion that the following be approved as part of the Consent Agenda:

- a. Minutes of September 19, 2005, council meeting
- b. Appropriating Resolution No. 05/06-7 (bills)
- c. Administrator's report

On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING OFFER TO BUY AND SETTING PUBLIC HEARING

Paul Jorgenson has submitted an offer to purchase a portion of vacated Valley Street adjacent to his property. This offer requires a public hearing. Motion by Von Ruden, second by Lighter to approve Resolution 05-82, **A RESOLUTION ACKNOWLEDGING AN OFFER TO BUY.** On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

RESOLUTION APPROVING RELEASE OF MORTGAGE

Patricia Borel has satisfied the terms of her housing rehabilitation loan. Motion by Von Ruden, second by Weaver, to approve Resolution 05-83, **RESOLUTION AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF RELEASE OR SATISFACTION OF MORTGAGE.** On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

APPROVE PAY APPLICATION #2- AIRPORT IMPROVEMENT PROJECT

Pay application #2 in the amount of \$86,450.95. All work has been certified as complete. Motion by Lighter, second by Von Ruden, to approve the pay application. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

APPOINT COUNCIL MEMBER TO THE NIACOG BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Council Member Esser has resigned from the NIACOG Board of Directors and we need to recommend a replacement to the Kossuth County Board of Supervisors. Council Member Weaver volunteers to serve. Motion by Lighter, second by Von Ruden to recommend Council Member Weaver to serve on the NIACOG Board of Directors. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

NOTIFICATION OF TERM EXPIRING- NO. IOWA REGIONAL HOUSING

Charles Schlievert's term expires November 23rd. This is a mayoral appointment.

NOTIFICATION OF TERM EXPIRING- ALGONA AIRPORT COMMISSION

Stacey Carlson's term expires November 27th. This is a council appointment.

APPROVE APPLICATIONS FOR URBAN REVITALIZATION TAX EXEMPTION

Lighter moved and Curtis seconded the motion to approve the Application for Urban Revitalization Tax Exemption for Carol Reding, new residential, 10 year declining. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

Von Ruden moved and Lighter seconded the motion to approve the Application for Urban Revitalization Tax Exemption for Randy and Trudy Dugan, new residential, 10 year declining. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

Before declaring a recess, Mayor Kueck offered congratulations to the local high schools for their performances at Band Day. Mayor Kueck declared a recess at 4:55 PM.

The meeting was called back into order by Mayor Kueck at 5:00 PM.

PUBLIC HEARINGS

Mayor Kueck opened a public hearing on the proposal to enter into a Development Agreement with MBR Partners at 5:00 PM. MBR Partners are remodeling a building downtown to house retail commercial space. The company has applied for TIF. The project is located within a slum and blighted area and qualifies for 100% of the eligible TIF for 15 years. The not to exceed sum is \$170,445. Ways and Means has reviewed the application and recommends approving the application for 15 years and not exceed in the amount of \$170,445. No comments, written or verbal, were received.

At 5:04 PM Mayor Kueck declared the public hearing closed.

RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT WITH MBR PARTNERS

Motion by Von Ruden, second by Kohlhaas to approve Resolution 05-84, **A RESOLUTION APPROVING AND AUTHORIZING EXECUTION OF A DEVELOPMENT AGREEMENT BY AND BETWEEN THE CITY OF ALGONA AND MBR PARTNERS.** On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried.

CITIZEN'S OPPORTUNITY

PWD Schaeffer updated the Council on the Welcome Center Project.

Weaver moved and Von Ruden seconded the motion that this meeting be adjourned. On call of the roll the vote was all ayes. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 5:10 p.m.

Lynn R. Kueck, Mayor

ATTEST:

Cole S. O'Donnell, City Administrator